

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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July 1, 2013

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Subject: Approval of Limited Access Control Changes (LACC) for Interstate 81 (I-81) and Route 232 (Exit 105) Interchange, Montgomery County and Pulaski County

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department initiated the above request for limited access control changes for your consideration. The proposed limited access control changes shown on the plans as presented at the Public Hearing on September 25, 2013, for State Highway Project 0081-060-126, P-101, R-201, C-501, B-603, B-604, B-608 and State Highway Project 0081-077-107, P-101, R-201, C-501 have been determined as necessary design features and approved by the Department's staff in conjunction with the proposed road improvements at the I-81 and Route 232 (Exit 105) Interchange to include the replacement of the northbound and southbound bridges of I-81 over the New River, beginning 0.701 miles south of the Montgomery/Pulaski County line and ending 0.992 miles north of the Montgomery/Pulaski County line, with a length of 1.7 miles, as part of the said Project to serve the traveling public.

The Department's staff has determined that the proposed project location and shifts and changes in the limited access control are viable from a design, safety and traffic control standpoint, and is being recommended by the Department. I have reviewed the Department's staff recommendations and determined that granting these changes of limited access control will enhance the safety or operation of the affected highway networks and that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

Swelf W. Moore
Garrett W. Moore, P.E.

Chief Engineer

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